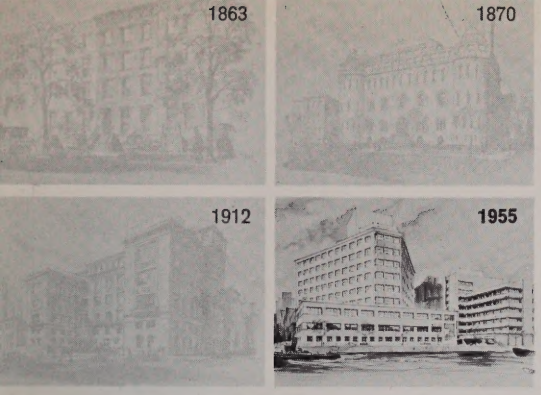

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Miss Schettini at the Distill. Inside Central Supply—story on p. 4 & 5

Hospital Purchases Apartment Building

The Hospital has recently purchased an apartment building at 310-320 East 71st Street. The building has 67 apartments. As leases expire with present tenants, HSS will fill the apartments with hospital personnel. Nurses, residents and fellows will have priority.

This will bring the number of apartments that HSS has to 127, including the 30 apartments leased at Payson House and 30 apartments at 442-444 East 77th Street.

Spring benefit for HSS

A Hospital for Special Surgery benefit will be held May 21, entitled "HOW THE WEST WAS WON", at the Wildenstein Gallery.

This will be an exhibition of paintings and sculptures by the famous western frontier artists, Remington and Russell, and other contemporary artists. The paintings and sculptures are being assembled from museums and private collections by Wildenstein.

HSS Spruces Up

Spring is here (officially as of March 20th), and the hospital has been getting into the spirit of the new season, celebrating with new paint and furniture in the public waiting areas.

The Clinic has a bright cheerful atmosphere with checkerboard chairs and colorful posters on the walls. X-ray has expanded and the cluttered look of the past is gone. The doctors' waiting area on the 3rd floor has a cool and soothing look with blue and white striped wallpaper, varicolored chairs and white, transparent curtains that don't hide the view of the river.

All in all, it is a great lift to the people who wait for their appointments. "Jane Bannerman" was the decorator who performed this superb feat.

Library News

The Patients' Library held an unusual sale last month entitled "Collector's Choice". Many booklovers at HSS were delighted at the opportunity to purchase books of unusual interest including first editions, limited editions, autographed works, and beautifully bound classics. The sale started on the morning of March 11th with coffee and danish for earlybirds, and we are happy to report a complete success.

The special sale was in addition to our regular Christmas and Spring Book Sales, which feature more of the current novels and old favorites in good condition. So be on the lookout for the date of our May sale when it is announced.

Also, April 21st to 27th is NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK and we hope everyone will want to make a visit to our Library in Room 301. The Patients' Library serves not only the patients in the hospital, but staff and employees as well. We welcome any new members of the hospital family who have not taken advantage of the extensive collection. Remember, library hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

In conjunction with the sale, we exhibited the poetry of Miss Sharon Stern, a patient at Special Surgery. Miss Stern's interest in writing began in her early teens (when she became hospitalized with polio), and one of her poems on display was entitled, "My I.Q."

"My I.Q. is erratic,
My ability, sporadic.
But, ah, for another quadratic.
How very beautiful
To be so inscrutable,
And yet so computable."

"Miss Stern's poetry perused by Miss Hevessey."

John Baer joins Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc.

John Baer, Assistant Director of HSS, resigned February 1, to take a position as Consultant with the management consulting firm of Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc.

In the four years John was with the hospital he made many friends and will certainly be missed. We wish him the very best of success in his new position.

"THE DOL-PHYNS"

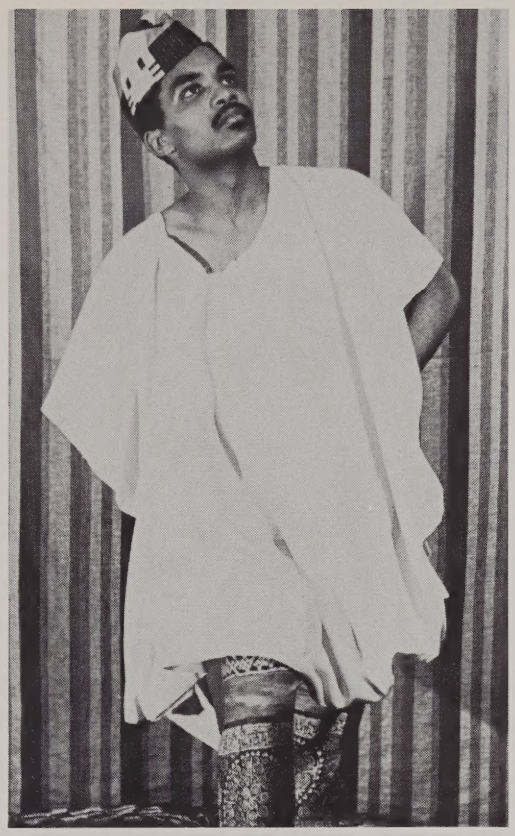
Showcase Revue

A gay and sparkling Showcase Revue was presented to the patients and employees on Tuesday evening March 12, 1968 in the Second Floor Lecture Hall.

The revue featured an excellent performance of African, Modern and Interpretative dancing by OR employee Norman Howell (professionally known as Neuhru).

Also making their third appearance at HSS (through the courtesy of Kitty Johnson from the Laboratory) were the talented singing Dol-phyns, who were accompanied at the piano by their ingenious coach, arranger and songwriter – Mr. Eddie Jones.

Thus, with the introduction of the newest member to the Dol-phyn group, Cindy Cox, and the appearance of special guest singer Kevin Lovett, the enjoyable evening of outstanding entertainment was completed.



Norman Howell– "NEUHRU".

We wish to extend a fond "Bon Voyage" to Neuhru as he leaves HSS to launch his career in the entertainment world, and we sincerely hope that he will find it possible to return in the very near future for a repeat performance!!!

Caroline Ochs, Manager of the Gift Shop, retires after 29 years of service.

Lucy Groseil, Nurses' Aide in Operating Room, retires after 14 years of service.

Newman Club Holds Evening of Recollection

The annual Newman Club Evening of Recollection was held on Monday evening, April 8, at the Mary Manning Walsh Home, 429 E. 59 Street.

There was a Mass, followed by dinner and three conferences.

New York Jet Star Hospitalized at HSS

Joe Namath, New York Jets' quarterback, was operated on March 20th at HSS, by Dr. James Nicholas

The operation was performed to repair a small tear in the tendon just below Namath's left knee cap. After being in a cast for approximately three weeks, it is hoped that he will begin workouts during the first week of May.

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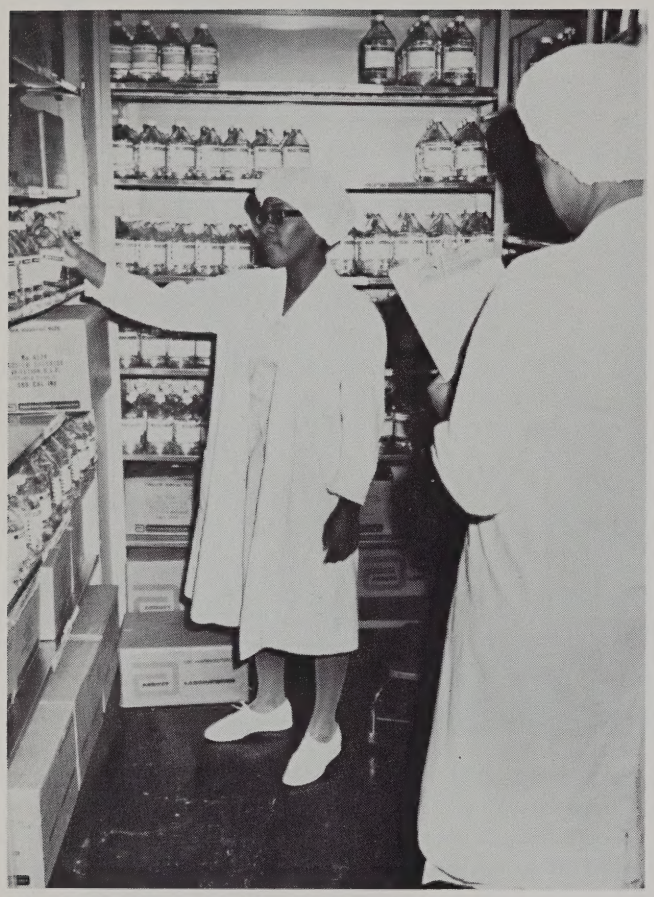

Miss Richardson and Miss McElroy checking intravenous solutions.

The Central Supply is a vital part of any hospital, and at HSS it's no different.

This department is responsible for providing the supplies and equipment to all the sections of the hospital involved in patient care. The Operating Rooms, Nursing Floors, Clinics, etc. all must come here for their needs.

Some of the functions of Central Supply are to instruct personnel in the use and function of Autoclaves; the large High Vacmatic sterilizer; the standard type sterilizer and the one Ethylene Oxide (Gas) sterilizer; the Ultra Sonic washer, rinser and dryer; the Stills (no they don't make corn liquor – they distill water); and the Universal Thermometer Shaker – which shakes 100 thermometers by merely dialing.

Personnel are also taught about the disposable products available. More disposals are now in use than just a few years ago because of the economies offered (less personnel needed), and reduction in the possibility of contamination.

The department provides Intravenous Solution and Administration elements. Also, emergency trays and equipment are kept available and in good order for such contingencies as a "cardiac arrest".

Miss Ross cleaning needles.

Mrs. "D". ordering new supplies.

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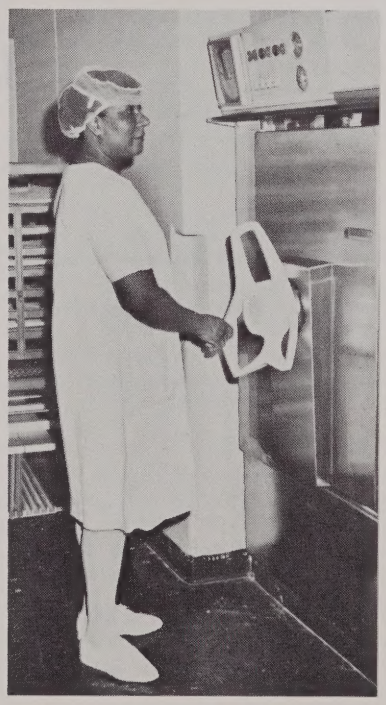
All the issuing, collecting, sterilizing, packaging, inventories, ordering and generally keeping track of where things are, is the task of Mrs. W. Digregorio (Mrs. "D".), R.N., the Supervisor of this department; as well as Miss Eileen Shields, LPN, who is in charge of the Splint Room, traction and other orthopedic equipment. There are 3 assistant supervisors, all LPN's, and 6 technicians.

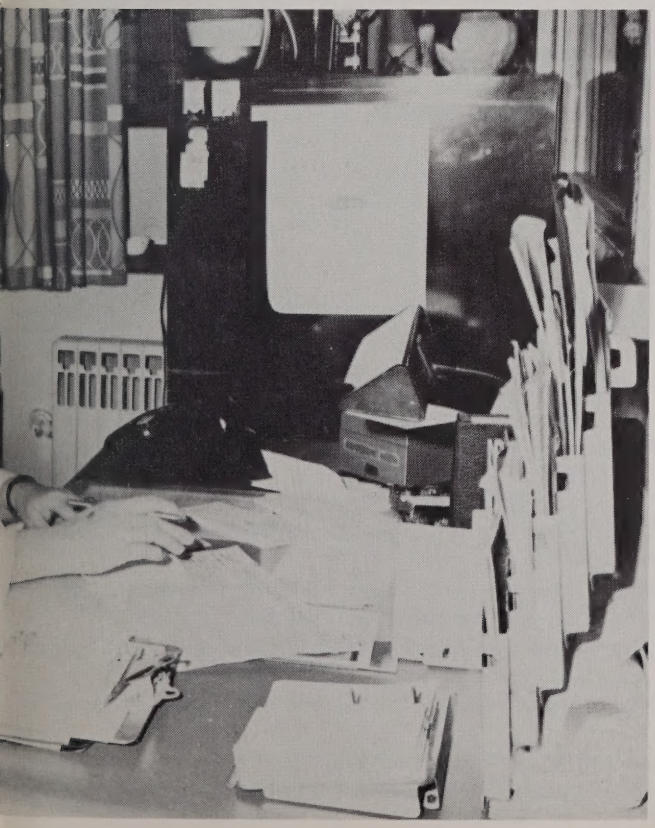
In the past three years the equipment in this department has been quadrupled because of increased services. Space on the 4th floor, where Central Supply is located, had to be improvised to make room for this new equipment. Shelves had to be installed so smaller pieces could be stored above and make way for the heavier ones.

A little known fact is the department's tie with the New York City Department of Education's program to interest high school students in Nursing and hospital-related careers. Two students are assigned by the City to work in Central Supply for two weeks, and then they spend two weeks back in their high school classrooms. They alternate like this throughout the year. These students are seniors in high school and must maintain good grades in order to continue their work at HSS. Most of the students go on to RN or LPN nursing programs upon graduation.

Miss Mallory taking instruments out of the Ultra Sonic washer.



Miss Jones turning on the High Vacmatic sterilizer.



personally speaking

MARRIAGES:

Kathleen Kline of Nursing Education will be married to Edward Ruen on April 20th. Edna Carson (laboratory) was married to Sidney Moshette on Feb. 18th.

ENGAGEMENTS:

Roberta Kessman, nurse on 7 South, announced her enagagement to Mr. Steven Koven. They plan a November Wedding. Dolores Dunwald of X-ray is engaged to Bernard Weiser. Robert Schawelson, R.T. to Miss Diane Sherman. Judi Paroly, Laboratory, became engaged to John Barbarette on January 20th. Gail Fiengald, Medical Secretary in the Record Room became engaged on March 3rd.

BIRTHS:

Jacqueline Greene, Receptionist in X-ray gave birth a few months ago to a 9 lb. baby boy. A daughter, Laurie Lynne, was born to Dr. and Mrs. John Marshall on February 18th.

ILLNESS:

Miss Judyth Lewis (physical therapist) is in the hospital with a broken leg received while skiing in Aspen, Col. Dr. John Deviln, Attending Pathologist, broke his leg while skiing.

DEATHS:

We regret to announce the death of Dr. Arthur Purdy Stout, consultant on our staff in Pathology, who passed away in January. Dr. William Ross McCarty, an alumnus of HSS, we are sorry to report, died in February. Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. T. Gordon Young, who recently lost her mother and also to John Catalfamo of the Engineering Department, whose wife recently passed away.

CHANGES & PROMOTIONS:

Mary Martin has been appointed Headnurse on 7 North. Miss Barbara Smith and Miss Karen Merkle will begin new positions as instructors on January 28th. H. Skeene of X-Ray was promoted to Cashier in the Accounting Dept. Ludwig Kalb was appointed department head of the Brace Shop and Sol Houtkin was appointed his assistant. Mrs. I. Vaiana has been promoted to Credit Manager in Accounting.

ADDITIONS:

Patricia Moeling, R.N. in OPD and Mary Orloff, R.N. P.D. have joined us and nine bright PN/s from Class 33. Also Geraldine Valinoto, LPN, is now on the evening staff. Delroy Chambers, is orderly for evening duty and Fred Bryan, O.R. technician, has also joined our staff. Eric Scotson, Marion Watts, Ronnie McGuire, Carol Cherry, Pearl Sainthill, Alice Buffong, all have joined our X-ray department. Mrs. Alice Woo has returned to us as the Scoliosis Worker after an absence of several years. She replaced Miss Dynan. Ruth Gonzalez has returned to the Laboratory after spending two years in the Peace Corps. Miss Ellen Stein, Personnel, will be assisting with Recruiting and Interviewing new employees. Miss Janet Van Horn is the new Recreation Asst. Mrs. Phyllis Hirth will begin on April 15th as a staff physical therapist. Misses Mary Ann Dursi, Barbara Smith, Karen Merkle and Elizabeth Hobson are all new additions to the Nursing Education Dept. We welcome all of these people to the HSS family.

RESIGNATIONS:

Barbara Kushwara, R.N. — has left for a tour of duty on the S/S HOPE. Jane Trainor, Instructor, has gone on leave of absence for further study to get her college degree. In the X-ray department, Gwendolyn Bishop left to pursue college career. Miss Mary Dynan resigned as Scoliosis worker on February 16th.

Professionally Speaking

Dr. Robert Lee Patterson, Jr., was recently made a member of the Burke Foundation Board of Trustees and a member of the Medical Advisory Committee for Quality Physician Care of the New York State Medical Assistance Program.

Dr. Rolla D. Campbell, Jr., lectured on "Fractures and Dislocations of the Carpal Bones" at the Boston Orthopaedic Club on January 8th.

Dr. Richard Freyberg, Dr. Leonhard Korngold and **Dr. Isaac Abadi** attended the Interim Session of the American Rheumatism Association in Baltimore on January 19th and 20th and presented a paper on "Monoclonal Immunoglobulins in Rheumatoid Arthritis".

Dr. Richard Freyberg attended the Annual Meeting of the National Society of Clinical Rheumatologists in Puerto Rico on January 22, 23 and 24 and participated in a Symposium on Pathogenesis and Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Dr. Isaac Abadi, Dr. Bento Mascarenhas, Dr. David Nashel, Dr. Bruce Nitsberg and **Dr. Marcus Rivelis** attended the Work Shop on Problems of Rheumatic Diseases of the Interim Session of the American Rheumatism Association at Johns Hopkins on January 18th.

At the American Society for Surgery of the Hand's Annual Meeting in Chicago, January 19-20, **Dr. Lee Ramsay Straub** and **Dr. Mark S. Kauffman** presented a paper on "Severe Contracture of Proximal Interphalangeal Joint Due to Dupuytren's Contracture and the Relation of Trauma". Dr. Straub also participated in a Panel Discussion on "Radial Club Hand". **Dr. Richard G. Eaton** and **Dr. J. William Littler** presented a paper on "The Basal Joint of the Thumb: Treatment of Its Disabilities by Arthrodesis". Alumnus **Dr. John J. Niebauer** presented a paper with **Drs. W. W. Doren** and **J. L. Shaw** on "The Silicone-Dacron Hinge Prosthesis: Research, Development and Clinical Trial".

At the Annual Meeting of the Orthopaedic Research Society, January 19-20, in Chicago, **Dr. J. L. Granda** and **Dr. Aaron S. Posner** presented a paper on "Hydrolytic Enzymes in Different Zones of the Epiphyseal Plate" and **Dr. Edward D. Eames** participated in a Symposium on Calcium Metabolism and Bone Surface with **Dr. R. E. Rowland** and **Dr. M. J. Glimcher.** Alumni **Dr. Paul H. Curtiss, Jr.,** and **Dr. Leon J. Richelle** also presented papers.

At the 35th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in Chicago, January 20-25, **Dr. Harlan C. Amstutz** presented a scientific exhibit on "Prognosis for Growth and Development of Congenital Anomalies of the Lower Limbs" and **Dr. Konstantin P. Veliskakis** in conjunction with **Dr. John R. Cobb** (deceased) an exhibit on "Mechanism of Rotation in Scoliosis". Alumni **Dr. Frank A. Slowick, Dr. Donald B. Reibel** and **Dr. Arthur A. Thibodeau** presented papers and **Dr. Robert Mazet, Jr.,** presented a Sound-Slide Program.

Hospital for Special Surgery Staff members **Dr. Philip D. Wilson, Jr., Dr. Aaron S. Posner, Dr. Lee Ramsay Straub, Dr. Bernard Jacobs, Dr. James A. Nicholas** and **Dr. Paul D. Saville** gave Instructional Courses at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Meeting, Jan. 21-23, as well as Alumni, **Dr. Burr H. Curtis, Dr. Ernest E. Aegerter, Dr. Paul H. Curtiss, Jr., Dr. Ivar J. Larsen, Dr. Richard M. Braun, Dr. Ernest C. Holscher** and **Dr. Arthur A. Thibodeau.**

On December 19, 1967, **Dr. A. S. Posner** lectured at Princeton University on "Apatite, The Intersection of Physics and Biology". Dr. Posner, who was Bernard Guest Professor at The University of Montreal in the academic year 1962-1963, was notified by Professor Hans Selye of that University that his name was inscribed on a bronze plaque listing the holders of this guest professorship over the past two decades. The plaque was unveiled by the Rector of the University of Montreal in December of 1967. Dr. Posner received this award for his contribution to the understanding of the molecular structure of hard tissue.

On January 3, 1968 **Dr. Robert C. Mellors** gave the Theodore F. Bach Memorial Lecture on "Slow Virus Infection, Autoimmunity and Lymphoma" at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. He spoke on the same subject on January 16th and 17th at the Regional Meeting of the American College of Physicians in New York City. On January 29th and 30th Dr. Mellors wll speak on "Virus Infection and Disorders of the Immune System in NZB/Bl Mice" at the Sixth Gustav Stern Symposium on Perspectives in Virology in honor of **Dr. John F. Enders** of Harvard University.

On January 10th **Dr. William Cooper** spoke at a Symposium on Interuterine Infections sponsored by the National Foundation at the Hotel Americana in New York.

On January 11th **Dr. Paul D. Saville** spoke on Paget's Disease at the Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn, and on the day lectured at Rockefeller University on "Effect of Castration on the Musculo-Skeletal System of the Rat" to the Bone and Tooth Discussion Group.

Dr. Edward Beattie, Professor of Surgery at Cornell University Medical College and Chief Medical Office at Memorial Hospital, recently became a Consultant of Surgery on our Staff.

Dr. Carlisle S. Boyd, Senior Consulting Physician and Physician-in-Chief Emeritus, has retired. **Dr. T. Campbell Thompson** & **Dr. Peter-Cyrus Rizzo,** having reached Active Staff retirement age, are now Consultants in Orthopaedic Surgery.

Dr. Robert A. Goldstone finished his Orthopaedic Residency on Feb. 29, 1968 and **Dr. Isaac Abadi** finished his Rheumatic Diseases Fellowship on the same date. **Dr. Robert Goldstone** began his duties as Surgeon to the Out-Patient Department in March.

Visitors in February and March: **Dr. Gonzalez Cardona** from Colombia, **Dr. Roberto F. Olmedo** from Paraguay and **Dr. Bo Nilsson** from Sweden. All are alumnae of HSS.

Dr. Ralph C. Marcove won first prize for his exhibit on "Cryosurgery in the Treatment of Primary Bone Tumors and Metastatic Carcinoma to Bone", at New York State Medical Society meeting of Feb. 11-15, held at the Americana Hotel.

Dr. Royal M. Montgomery and **William Lo Cascio** presented an exhibit on "Padding and Devices for Foot Comfort" at the American Academy of Dermatology in Chicago, Dec. 2-7. This same exhibit was shown at the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, in San Francisco, January, 1967 and again at the A.M.A. in Atlantic City in June, 1967.

Dr. Robert H. Freiberger spoke on March 6th at New York University on "Aseptic Necrosis". It was a Symposium on Arthritis and Related Disorders.

Dr. Paul D. Saville spoke February 21st at the Triborough Hospital in Queens, New York on "Body, Build and Bones". From February 15-17th he attended a conference on Methods of Bone Mineral Measurement in Bethesda, Maryland and presented a paper on "Predictability of Bone Ash in the Beagle". He spoke at The New York Academy of Medicine at a Symposium on "A Night on Osteoporosis" on March 11th and on March 1st spoke to the students at Cornell on "Menopause" at The New York Hospital.

On February 13th at the Annual Convention of the New York State Medical Society in New York City, **Dr. Sidney Eichenholtz** discussed a paper on "Fractures Leading to Neurotrophic Joints" by **Dr. Edward Mindell**, and **Dr. Alexander Hersh** discussed a paper on "Operative Treatment of Congenital Clubfoot" by **Dr. Martin S. Weseley** and **Dr. Philip A. Baranfeld.**

Dr. A. S. Posner lectured on "The Chemical and Physical Nature of Bone" on February 15th at The National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. On February 28th he lectured on "The Use of X-ray Diffraction in the Study of Bone Minerals" at Sloan-Kettering Institute, The Biomathematics Seminars. He also lectured before the International Association for Dental Research, San Francisco, California on "Calculation of the X-Ray Diffraction Intensities from Arrays of Small Crystalltes of Hydroxyapatite" on March 24th. Dr. Posner has been appointed consultant to the Dean's Office, State University of New York. This voluntary post will be concerned with advising the University on the outfitting of crystallographic laboratories for research and teaching.

Last February 10th **Dr. Philip D. Wilson, Jr.** spoke to the medical students on "CDH" in the Lecture Hall. He and **Drs. John H. Doherty** and **Bernard S. Jacobs** went to the Joint Committee on Orthopaedic Research and Education Seminar in Dallas, Texas on March 15th and 16th. The subject of the seminar was "The Role of Orthopaedics in Changing Medical School Curriculum".

At the 81st Annual Meeting of the American Orthopaedic Association to be held April 22-25 in Boca Raton, Florida, **Dr. William Cooper** will present a paper on "The Hopelessly Crippled Child. Salvage Techniques", and **Dr. Robert C. Mellors** will present a paper on "Progress of Research on the Connective Tissue Diseases: An Experimental Model and Its Implications". **Dr. Lee Ramsay Straub,** President of the American Orthopaedic Association, will deliver the Presidential Address on April 23rd. **Dr. Göran C. H. Bauer** will present a paper on "Diagnostic Use of 85 Sr. Scintimetry n Orthopaedics". He also lectured at the Arthritis Foundation Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico February 13th on "Diagnosis and Management of Osteoarthritis of the Knee". **Dr. Bauer** made a trip to Los Angeles from March 3rd through March 6th where he attended a conference on Biology of Hard Tissues at The New York Academy of Science.

Dr. Frederick Liebolt attended the convention of the Latin-American Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology in Caracas, Venezuela from January 27th through February 4th where he was asked to discuss a paper on "Fractures of the Acetabulum", serve as a member of a Round Table on "Lumbar Pain", and deliver a paper on "Passive Exercises in Frozen Shoulders".

On Tuesday, February 27th in the Gymnasium, **Dr. William Arnold** spoke at the Physical Medicine Conference on "Hemophiliac Children".

At another Physical Medicine Conference on March 6th, **Dr. David Levine** talked on "Principles of Bracing".

Dr. Paul J. Killoran lectured to the Long Island Radiological Society on "Arthrography" on February 13th.

On February 6th, **Dr. J. D. Termine** spoke at the Symposium in Biological Calcification, International Association for Dental Research, Philadelphia Section, University of Pennsylvania, on "The Nature of the Mineral Phase of Biological Calcification".

Viet Nam Veteran Returns to HSS

James Royal, has returned as Clerk Typist to the X-ray Department. James recently completed his two years in the U.S. Army with a substantial portion of time spent in Viet Nam as a door gunner in a helicopter .

James said the experience made him appreciate simple things such as a bath, cool water and ice cream. He said he wouldn't want to go through it again, but he is proud to have lived through the experience.

A Weary Doctor Writes a Letter

The letter quoted below appeared in the Lawrence Hospital Newsletter and we thought many of our Attendings would give a sympathetic ear to what it says.

"Dear Mrs. Smith:

As your attending physician during your recent Hospital stay I wrote an adequate admission note. I signed all your verbal orders. I signed the intern's history and physical. I certified you for Medicare and made sure that Dr. Peters of the Utilization Committee re-certified you at three weeks.

I wrote your history on the X-ray, E.K.G. and laboratory slips. I went to the business office to sign Medicare forms for your laboratory tests done prior to admission.

I looked at the X-rays in the X-ray department. I talked with the nurse regarding your diet. I talked with your husband twice regarding your insomnia. I talked with your Aunt Jennie, the one whose husband is a veterinarian, three times about her suggestions for your treatment.

I wrote a progress note every other day. I reordered your sleeping pill every other day. I balanced your electrolytes. I countersigned your transfusion slip. I made out a consultation slip. I sent your tooth to the pathologist.

I ordered your oxygen at 7 liters per minute. I wrote your discharge order a day ahead of time. I certified that the ambulance was a medical necessity.

I dictated a long summary of your case using Standard Nomenclature of Diseases and Operations, avoiding abbreviations such as A.S.H.D., and went to the record room to sign this. I included date and time of dictation. I made sure the surgeon, Dr. Howard, dictated the operative report within 24 hours of operation.

I presented your case report at the staff meeting, spending several hours in the library reviewing similar cases. I filled out your Medicare form. I filled out your Medicaid form. I filled out your form for the Home Care Program. I filled out your form for the Retired Teachers Disability Insurance. I provided you with duplicate itemized bills.

I sent a letter to the Blue Cross people protesting their refusal to pay part of your hospital bill. I reviewed 16 old charts in the record room for the Utilization Committee. I reviewed four long-stay patients on the floor of the Hospital assigned to me. I taught the laboratory technician artificial respiration and cardiac resuscitation.

I attended the Medical staff conference as required to retain my privileges at the hospital. I attended a meeting of the Utilization Committee as required by Medicare.

I didn't eat very well during the six months I waited for the Medicare people to pay me the $6.13 they allowed on your bill, and the nine months more I waited for the Medicaid people to send me the $50.12 on your bill.

I am sorry I didn't have time to get to see you while you were at the hospital. I was too tired to be cheerful, and too busy to say a comforting word to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Plum Weary, M.D.

P.S. I am delighted that your neighbor, Mrs. Perkins, finally diagnosed your illness, and that the blackberry wine, which your other neighbor, Mrs. Jones, gave you, finally relieved your symptoms."

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